



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **CORONER**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA**

**E. A. Winstanley, Coroner**

**FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 1954 - JUNE 30, 1955**

September 1, 1955.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,  
County of Los Angeles,  
Los Angeles, California.

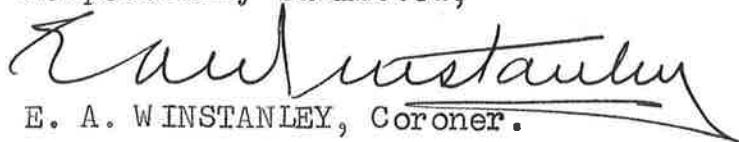
Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

This report contains departmental statistics and a summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epidemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1955

E. A. WINSTANLEY, CORONER

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CORONER

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DEPARTMENT OF CORONER - ANNUAL REPORT 1954-55

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8634 cases for the fiscal year 1954-55, which shows an increase of 95 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5490
Due to traffic	792
Due to suicides	741
Due to homicides	163
Due to industrial accidents	124
Due to miscellaneous accidents	1233

Of the 792 traffic fatalities 268 were pedestrian, 125 of which were over 65 years of age. 148 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 524 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 426 of which were over 20 years of age.

5 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 15 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 163 homicides, 103 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 60 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 741 suicides, 205 were the result of despondency and 172 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 676 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 606 deaths.

3897 autopsies were performed of the 8634 cases processed by the Coroner during the year. 10717 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 3193 microscopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

305 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1954-55 was \$341,869.44, comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, \$304,012.15; Maintenance and Operation, \$36,269.59 and Capital Outlay \$1587.70.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1954-55 were \$74,567.53.

REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954-55

JULY	1954	734	
AUGUST	1954	612	
SEPTEMBER	1954	595	
OCTOBER	1954	715	
NOVEMBER	1954	678	
DECEMBER	1954	840	
JANUARY	1955	836	
FEBRUARY	1955	732	
MARCH	1955	800	
APRIL	1955	695	
May	1955	731	
JUNE	1955	<u>666</u>	<u>      </u>
		TOTAL	8634
			8634

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MALE	5688	
FEMALE	<u>2946</u>	<u>      </u>
TOTAL	8634	8634
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4714	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	<u>3920</u>	<u>      </u>
TOTAL	8634	8634

CLASSIFICATIONS OF DEATHSHANDLED BY CORONERACCIDENTAL DEATHS

AIRPLANE	11
ASPHYXIATION	4
BURNS	99
CRUSHING	6
DROWNING	62
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	5
ELECTROCUTION	3
FALLS	606
FIREARMS	14
HEAD INJURIES	113
INDUSTRIAL	124
INFECTION	15
MISCELLANEOUS	53
MOTOR VEHICLES	792
POISONING	186
STEAM RAILWAY	15
STRANGULATION	15
SUFFOCATION	37
TOTAL	<u>2160</u>

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHSHANDED BY CORONER

ABORTIONS	14	
HOMICIDES	163	
NATURAL CAUSES	5490	
STILLBIRTHS	46	
SUICIDES	741	
UNKNOWN	<u>20</u>	
TOTAL	6474	8634

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1954	54	0	3	57
AUGUST	1954	43	0	2	45
SEPTEMBER	1954	49	2	2	53
OCTOBER	1954	68	0	1	69
NOVEMBER	1954	55	1	1	57
DECEMBER	1954	85	1	0	86
JANUARY	1955	69	0	2	71
FEBRUARY	1955	80	1	1	82
MARCH	1955	76	0	1	77
APRIL	1955	81	0	0	81
MAY	1955	69	0	1	70
JUNE	1955	63	0	1	64
	TOTAL	792	5	15	812

IN THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES"  
 INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR  
 VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM  
 RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH  
 A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIAN

JULY	1954	16
AUGUST	1954	14
SEPTEMBER	1954	17
OCTOBER	1954	22
NOVEMBER	1954	22
DECEMBER	1954	35
JANUARY	1955	26
FEBRUARY	1955	23
MARCH	1955	32
APRIL	1955	30
MAY	1955	20
JUNE	1955	<u>11</u>
	TOTAL	268
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MALE	183
FEMALE	<u>85</u>
TOTAL	268
	268

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	135
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	<u>133</u>
TOTAL	268
	268

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANAGES

1 to 2 years	8	
2 to 5 years	13	
5 to 10 years	18	
10 to 20 years	5	
20 to 45 years	30	
45 to 65 years	69	
65 years and over	125	
TOTAL	268	<u>268</u>

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AT AN INTERSECTION	148	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	120	
TOTAL	268	<u>268</u>

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	68	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	199	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	268	<u>268</u>

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AUTO & AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	6	
AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	230	
AUTO & POLE & PEDESTRIAN	1	
AUTOETTE & PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	5	
MOTORCYCLE & PEDESTRIAN	3	
ROAD GRADER & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TRACTOR-TRAILER & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	23	
TRUCK & TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL	268	<u>268</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANCAUSES

ASSISTING INJURED DOG	1
ATTEMPTING TO STOP RUNAWAY AUTO	4
BACKING	8
CHILDREN PUSHING AUTO	1
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	51
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	32
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	5
DURING MOTORCYCLE RACE	1
EXCESSIVE SPEED	1
IMCOMPETENT HANDLING	3
INTOXICATION	8
LOST CONTROL	4
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	8
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	3
PLAYING IN STREET	9
RAN SIGNAL	2
RECKLESS DRIVING	34
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	63
RUNAWAY CAR	1
RUNNING IN STREET	11
STANDING IN STREET	1
UNKNOWN	8
WALKING IN STREET	7
TOTAL	268
	<u>268</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANHELD BY CORONER'S JURY

MALE DRIVERS	44	
FEMALE DRIVERS	5	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	12	
TOTAL	<u>62</u>	62

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	41	
FEMALE DRIVERS	10	
TOTAL	<u>51</u>	51

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	125	
FEMALE DRIVERS	21	
TOTAL	<u>146</u>	146
DRIVERLESS CAR	6	
UNKNOWN DRIVER	3	
TOTAL	<u>9</u>	9
		<u>268</u>

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HIT AND RUN CASES	22
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HAD BEEN DRINKING

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H. B. D.)	31
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SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1954	38
AUGUST	1954	29
SEPTEMBER	1954	32
OCTOBER	1954	46
NOVEMBER	1954	33
DECEMBER	1954	50
JANUARY	1955	43
FEBRUARY	1955	57
MARCH	1955	44
APRIL	1955	51
MAY	1955	49
JUNE	1955	<u>52</u>
	TOTAL	<u>524</u>
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MALE	392
FEMALE	<u>132</u>
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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	190
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	<u>324</u>
	524
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TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
AGES

Less than one year	7	
1 to 2 years	2	
2 to 5 years	7	
5 to 10 years	15	
10 to 20 years	67	
20 to 45 years	249	
45 to 65 years	120	
65 years and over	57	
TOTAL	524	

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AT AN INTERSECTION	268	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	255	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	524	

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	236	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	285	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	524	

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONNATURE

AUTO & AUTOETTE	1
AUTO & ABUTMENT	3
AUTO & AUTO	192
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	6
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	1
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & AUTO & TRAILER	2
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	1
AUTO, AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	3
AUTO & BICYCLE	10
AUTO & BRIDGE	8
AUTO & BUILDING	6
AUTO, BUS & TRUCK	1
AUTO & CONCRETE PILLAR	2
AUTO & CULVERT	1
AUTO & CURB	5
AUTO & DIRT BANK	1
AUTO & DITCH DIGGER	3
AUTO & DIVIDER	9
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	3
AUTO & FENCE	3
AUTO & GAS STATION	1
AUTO & HORSE	1
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	17
AUTO & MOTOR SCOOTER	2
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	7
AUTO & PARKED TRAILER	1
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	5
AUTO & POLE	40
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	16
AUTO & TREE	12
AUTO, TREE & TRUCK	1
AUTO & TROLLEY COACH	2
AUTO & TRUCK	48
AUTO, TRUCK & TRAILER	2
AUTO & WALL	2
AUTO & WHEEL CHAIR	3
BUS & MOTORCYCLE	1
FIRE TRUCK & TRUCK	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONNATURE (CONTINUED)

MOTORCYCLE & CURB	I
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	1
MOTORCYCLE & TRUCK	2
MOTOR SCOOTER & POLE	1
TOTAL	427
	427

## COLLISION

TRUCK & BICYCLE	3
TRUCK & BRIDGE	1
TRUCK & CARRYALL	1
TRUCK & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	1
TRUCK & POLE	1
TRUCK & TAXI	1
TRUCK, TRAILER & PARKED AUTO	1
TRUCK & TRUCK	3
TOTAL	13
	13

## NON-COLLISION

AUTO EXPLODED	I
AUTO OFF HIGHWAY	1
AUTO OVER CLIFF	2
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	6
AUTO OVERTURNED	42
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	2
FALL FROM VEHICLE	8
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	12
SKIP LOADER OVERTURNED	1
SUDDEN STOP	1
THROWN FROM MOTORCYCLE	1
TRUCK OVER EMBANKMENT	1
TRUCK OVERTURNED	6
TOTAL	84
	524

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONCAUSESCOLLISION:

BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	1
CARELESS HANDLING OF BICYCLE	3
CHILD RODE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	7
DRIVER ASLEEP	7
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	30
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD -	
ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1
EMOTIONAL STRESS	1
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	46
HOUSE BEING MOVED	1
ILL HEALTH	3
ILLEGAL PARKING	2
ILLEGAL "U" TURN	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	14
INTOXICATION	14
LIGHTING CONDITIONS	1
LOST CONTROL	57
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	20
PASSING ON HILL	1
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	1
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	18
RAN SIGNAL	20
REAR END COLLISION	11
RECKLESS DRIVING	88
RIGHT-OF WAY VIOLATED	77
RODE BICYCLE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	2
RUNAWAY HORSE	1
SKIDDING	2
STALLED ON TRACKS	1
UNKNOWN	14
VISION OBSCURED	1
WEATHER CONDITIONS	2
TOTAL	440
	440

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

AVOIDING COLLISION	4	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	4	
DEFECTIVE MUFFLER	1	
DOOR FLEW OPEN	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	6	
IMPROPER RIDING	4	
INTOXICATION	1	
LOST CONTROL	4	
RACING	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	16	
UNKNOWN	4	
TOTAL	84	
		84
		524

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONHELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	44	
FEMALE DRIVERS	10	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	4	
TOTAL	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	50	
FEMALE DRIVERS	9	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS	1	
TOTAL	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	369	
FEMALE DRIVERS	36	
TOTAL	<u>405</u>	<u>524</u>

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HIT AND RUN CASES	8
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HAD BEEN DRINKING:

DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.)	87
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SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1954	0
AUGUST	1954	0
SEPTEMBER	1954	2
OCTOBER	1954	0
NOVEMBER	1954	1
DECEMBER	1954	1
JANUARY	1955	0
FEBRUARY	1955	1
MARCH	1955	0
APRIL	1955	0
MAY	1955	0
JUNE	1955	0
	TOTAL	5
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MALE	2
FEMALE	3
TOTAL	5
	— 5

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	4
In the County of LOS ANGELES D/S Los Angeles City	1
TOTAL	5
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TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAYAGES

10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	0	
45 to 65 years	2	
65 years and over	2	
TOTAL	5	5

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	5	5
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CAUSES

CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	3	
TOTAL	5	5

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1954	3	
AUGUST	1954	2	
SEPTEMBER	1954	2	
OCTOBER	1954	1	
NOVEMBER	1954	1	
DECEMBER	1954	0	
JANUARY	1955	2	
FEBRUARY	1955	1	
MARCH	1955	1	
APRIL	1955	0	
MAY	1955	1	
JUNE	1955	1	
	TOTAL	15	15
MALE		12	
FEMALE		3	
	TOTAL	15	15
In the City of Los Angeles		10	
In the County of Los Angeles			
O/S Los Angeles City		5	
	TOTAL	15	15
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<u>AGES</u>			
20 to 45 years		7	
45 to 54 years		5	
65 and over		3	
	TOTAL	15	15

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAYNATURE

STEAM RAILWAY & EMPLOYEE	3	
STEAM RAILWAY & PASSENGER	1	
STEAM RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	11	
TOTAL	15	15

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CAUSES

CHILD PLAYING ON TRACKS	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	5	
CROSSING TRACKS WHILE INTOXICATED	2	
FALL UNDER FREIGHT TRAIN	1	
FALL UNDER WHEELS	1	
FALL BETWEEN CARS WHILE SWITCHING	1	
FALL UNDER TRAIN WHILE STEALING RIDE	2	
IMPROPER RIDING	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
RUNNING ACROSS TRACKS	1	
WALKING ACROSS TRACKS	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	15	15

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	575	217	792
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	2	3	5
STEAM RAILWAY	12	3	15
TOTAL	589	223	812

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1954	6
AUGUST	1954	11
SEPTEMBER	1954	13
OCTOBER	1954	4
NOVEMBER	1954	9
DECEMBER	1954	7
JANUARY	1955	12
FEBRUARY	1955	14
MARCH	1955	10
APRIL	1955	16
MAY	1955	11
JUNE	1955	11 TOTAL <u>124</u>

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MALE	122	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	44	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	59	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	15	
UNKNOWN	6	
TOTAL	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>

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10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	47	
45 to 65 years	53	
65 YEARS AND OVER	22	
TOTAL	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESNATURE

ASPHYXIATION	2
BODILY INJURY	30
BURNS	12
CRUSHING	9
DROWNING	3
ELECTROCUTION	8
FALLS	5
HEAD INJURY	20
INFECTION	25
POISONING	5
STRANGULATION	1
SUFFOCATION	4
TOTAL	<u>124</u>
	<u>124</u>

## INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES

## ASPHYX IATION:

FELL INTO TANK  
IN EXCAVATION

**TOTAL**

1  
1  
2

2

## BODILY INJURY:

CRANE OVERTURNED  
CRUSHED BY METAL TRAY  
CUT HAND ON SAW  
CRUSHED BETWEEN PIPES  
CRUSHED BY FALLING WALL  
FALL FROM BANK  
FALL FROM BUILDING  
FALL FROM ROOF  
FALL FROM TANK  
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD  
FALL DOWN STAIRS  
FALL OVER RAIL  
FALL TO FLOOR  
FALL TO GROUND  
FALL THROUGH ROOF  
FORK LIFT OVERTURNED  
HAYLOADER FELL  
ROOF CAVED IN  
STRUCK BY BEAM  
STRUCK BY FALLING MAGNET  
STRUCK BY FALLING STEEL  
STRUCK BY IRON DOOR  
STRUCK BY WEIGHT  
WEDGED IN ELEVATOR  
UNKNOWN

### TOTAL

30

BURNS:

ARCING ELECTRICITY  
CRANE CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE  
CLOTHING AFIRE  
EXPLOSION OF DIESEL FUEL  
EXPLOSION OF FUEL TANK  
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE TANK  
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE VAPOR  
FALL INTO MOLTEN GLASS  
FLASH EXPLOSION

TOTAL

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INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)CRUSHING

BETWEEN PIPES	1	
BY CRANE	1	
BY EARTH RIG	1	
BY ELEVATOR	1	
BY FALLING TREE	1	
BY HYDRAULIC PRESS	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FALLING ROLL OF PAPER	1	
IN BALE OF METAL	1	
TOTAL	9	9

DROWNING

FALL FROM PIER	1	
FALL FROM SHIP	1	
FALL FROM TUG BOAT	1	
TOTAL	3	3

ELECTROCUTION

CONTACT WITH DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC CORD	2	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	2	
CONTACTED CHARGED METAL	2	
CRANE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
INSTALLING EQUIPMENT	1	
TOTAL	8	8

FALLS

FROM CRANE BOOM	1	
FROM LADDER	1	
FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
ON RAILROAD SIDING	1	
TO FLOOR	1	
TOTAL	5	5

HEAD INJURY

CAUGHT BETWEEN ELEVATOR AND FLOOR	1	
CRUSHED BY HYDRAULIC RAM	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM CAT WALK	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	4	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	
FALL INTO HOLD OF SHIP	1	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES  
CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURY (Continued)

KICKED BY HORSE	1
STRUCK BY BALING MACHINE	1
STRUCK BY LUMBER HOIST	1
STRUCK BY OIL WELL TONGS	1
STRUCK BY PIPE	1
STRUCK BY SIGN	1
TOTAL	20
	20

INFECTION

SEPTICEMA - FROM ROSE THORN	1
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	5
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN MINES	8
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN QUARRIES	5
TETANUS - OBJECT DROPPED ON FOOT	3
TETANUS - CUT HAND ON POWER TOOLS	2
TETANUS - FINGER CRUSHED BY FALLING HOUSE	1
TOTAL	25
	25

POISONING

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - CLEANING MOTOR	1
HYDROGEN SULFIDE - CLEANING OIL LINES	3
TRICHLORETHYLEN - INHALATION OF FUMES	1
TOTAL	5
	5

STRANGULATION

TIE CAUGHT IN MACHINE	1
TOTAL	1
	1

SUFFOCATION

BURIED IN SEWER EXCAVATION	1
COVERED BY ROCK IN HOPPER	1
PIT CAVE IN	2
TOTAL	4
	4

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1954	110	
AUGUST	1954	99	
SEPTEMBER	1954	80	
OCTOBER	1954	95	
NOVEMBER	1954	90	
DECEMBER	1954	100	
JANUARY	1955	114	
FEBRUARY	1955	98	
MARCH	1955	128	
APRIL	1955	111	
MAY	1955	103	
JUNE	1955	<u>105</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>1233</u>	<u>1233</u>

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MALE	581	
FEMALE	<u>652</u>	<u>1233</u>

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	617	
In the County of LOS ANGELES		
O/S Los Angeles City	572	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	23	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	21	
		<u>1233</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESAGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	47
1 to 2 years	25
2 to 5 years	35
5 to 10 years	23
10 to 20 years	28
20 to 45 years	152
45 to 65 years	244
65 years and over	676
Unknown	3
TOTAL	<u>1233</u>
	<u>1233</u>

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## NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	4
BURNS	99
CRUSHING	2
DROWNING	62
ELECTROCUTION	3
FALLS	606
FIREARMS	14
HEAD INJURIES	113
INFECTIONS	15
MISCELLANEOUS	53
POISONING	186
STRANGULATION	15
SUFFOCATION	37
UNKNOWN	20
	<u>1233</u>
	<u>1233</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSESASPHYXIATION

FUMES - HOUSE AFIRE	2
INHALATION OF NATURAL GAS	2
TOTAL	<u>4</u>

BURNS

BLANKET AFIRE FROM VAPORIZER	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	1
CIGARETTE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	4
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	3
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	9
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM CLEANING FLUID	1
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM INCINERATOR	3
CONFLAGRATION - AUTO AFIRE	2
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	28
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	1
GASOLINE - BASEMENT AFIRE	1
GASOLINE - THROWN ON FIRE	1
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE	4
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES	5
SCALDS - BURNED BY HOT WATER	2
SCALDS - CHILD FELL IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - CHILD PLAYING IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - DEFECTIVE FAUCET	1
SCALDS - HAIR RINSE EXPLODED	1
SCALDS - IN HOME MADE STEAM BATH	1
SCALDS - IN SHOWER	1
SCALDS - STROKE WHILE BATHING	1
STOVE - BUTANE STOVE EXPLODED	2
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE FROM GAS HEATER	14
STOVE - FELL ON HEATER	4
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	2
THROWN INTO INCINERATOR -	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1
TOTAL	<u>99</u>

CRUSHING

CAUGHT BY OIL WELL WEIGHT	1
CAVE IN OF ROAD BANK	1
CEMENT BLOCK FELL	1
FELL BETWEEN SHIP AND PIER	1
OVERTURNED TRACTOR	1
ROCK CRUSHED HOUSE	1
TOTAL	<u>6</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

## CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING

BOAT OVERTURNED	4
BOAT SANK	1
CHILD FELL INTO FISH POND	1
CHILD FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	7
CHILD IN BATH TUB	2
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE IN BATH TUB	3
FALL FROM BOAT	5
FALL FROM CLIFF	1
FALL FROM JETTY	1
FALL FROM MOORING LINE	1
FALL INTO BATH TUB	2
FALL INTO BATH TUB WHILE INTOXICATED	3
FALL INTO POOL	1
FALL INTO RESERVOIR	2
FALL INTO SWIMMING POOL	1
FISHING ON BREAKWATER	1
IN BATH TUB	2
IN BATH TUB -	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
IN DISPOSAL DITCH	1
IN SWIMMING POOL	3
INTOXICATION	1
INTOXICATION -	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
LEAK IN BOAT	1
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2
UNKNOWN	11
WHILE SKIN DIVING	3
TOTAL	62
	62

ELECTROCUTION

CONTACT WITH HEATER WHILE TAKING BATH	1
DEFECTIVE WASHING MACHINE	1
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING	1
TOTAL	3
	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)FALLS

AGAINST WALL - TRIPPED	1
AGAINST FURNITURE - TRIPPED	2
DOWN STAIRS - ILL HEALTH	3
DOWN STAIRS - INTOXICATION	4
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	15
DOWN STAIRS - UNKNOWN	1
FROM BED - CHILD AT PLAY	1
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	8
FROM BED - OLD AGE	18
FROM BRIDGE - JUMPED OR FELL	1
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	1
FROM BUILDING - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM BUILDING - OLD AGE	1
FROM BUILDING - JUMPED OR FELL	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	2
FROM COUCH - OLD AGE	1
FROM LADDER - INTOXICATION	1
FROM LADDER - OLD AGE	2
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	3
FROM STRETCHER - OLD AGE	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM WINDOW - UNATTENDED CHILD	1
IN BATH TUB - SLIPPED	1
IN SHOWER - BAD DOOR	1
ON BUS - UNKNOWN	1
ON ESCALATOR - OLD AGE	1
ON ROOF - ILL HEALTH	1
ON ROOF - UNKNOWN	1
TO FLOOR - CHAIR TIPPED OVER	1
TO FLOOR - ILL HEALTH	28
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	2
TO FLOOR - LOST BALANCE	1
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	390
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED	3
TO FLOOR - UNKNOWN	8
TO GROUND - ILL HEALTH	4
TO GROUND - INTOXICATION	3
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	48
TO GROUND - UNKNOWN	2
TO SIDEWALK - ILL HEALTH	3
TO SIDEWALK - INTOXICATION	3
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	16
TO SIDEWALK - SLIPPED	2
TO STREET - INTOXICATION	4
TO STREET - OLD AGE	12
TOTAL	606
	606

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)FIREARMS

CARELESS HANDLING	6
DISCHARGED GUN WHILE CLEANING	1
GUN DROPPED AND DISCHARGED	1
MEXICAN REVOLUTION GUNSHOT	1
PLAYING WITH GUN	4
RICOCHET BULLET	1
TOTAL	14
	14

HEAD INJURIES

AUTO FELL FROM JACK	2
BABY DROPPED BY SISTER	1
CHILD FELL FROM BATHINETTE	1
CHILD FELL FROM COUCH	1
CHILD FELL FROM SINK	2
CHILD FELL FROM WINDOW	2
DURING UNATTENDED BIRTH	1
FALL AGAINST AUTO	1
FALL AGAINST FENCE	1
FALL AGAINST FURNITURE	3
FALL AGAINST HEATER	1
FALL DOWN STAIRS	9
FALL DURING ALTERCATION	1
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	3
FALL DURING SPONTANEOUS DELIVERY	1
FALL FROM BED	3
FALL FROM BICYCLE	1
FALL FROM CLIFF	1
FALL FROM CRIB	3
FALL FROM HORSE	2
FALL FROM LADDER	2
FALL FROM PORCH	2
FALL FROM ROOF	2
FALL FROM SEA WALL	3
FALL FROM STOOL	3
FALL FROM WINDOW	3
FALL IN BATH TUB	1
FALL INTO GRAVEL PIT	1
FALL TO FLOOR	22
FALL TO GROUND	7
FALL TO STREET	8
FALL THRU SKY LIGHT	1
FALL UNKNOWN	1
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BUILDING	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)HEAD INJURIES (CONTINUED)

FELL WHILE INTOXICATED	4
STRUCK BY FALLING WALL BED	1
WATER SOFTNER FELL	1
UNKNOWN	8
TOTAL	113
	113

INFECTION

PERITONITIS - ATTACKED BY DOG	1
SEPSIS - CUT HAND	2
TETANUS - CAUGHT FOOT IN FENCE	1
TETANUS - CONTAMINATED HYPO NEEDLE	1
TETANUS - CUT HEAD ON NAIL	1
TETANUS - FOLLOWING SURGERY	1
TETANUS - HIT FINGER WITH HAMMER	1
TETANUS - SCRATCHED FOOT	2
TETANUS - SPLINTER UNDER NAIL	1
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	3
TETANUS - UNKNOWN	1
TOTAL	15
	15

MISCELLANEOUS

BODILY INJURY - BICYCLE STRUCK POLE	1
BODILY INJURY - CAUGHT IN OIL WELL	1
BODILY INJURY - DURING MASSAGE	1
BODILY INJURY - DURING SHOCK TREATMENT	1
BODILY INJURY - EXERCISING IN BED	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL AGAINST FURNITURE	2
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM CLIFF	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM HORSE	2
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM ROOF	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL IN STREET	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL IN WOOD PILE	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO FLOOR	6
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO GROUND	4
BODILY INJURY - FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	5
BODILY INJURY - LEG CAUGHT IN BED	2
BODILY INJURY - OLD AGE	1
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY FALLING TREE	1
BODILY INJURY - WAR INJURY	1
BODILY INJURY - WHILE ROLLER SKATING	1
BODILY INJURY - WHILE SWIMMING	1
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN	2
BODILY INJURY - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT	
HOMICIDE OR NATURAL DEATH	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)MISCELLANEOUS (CONTINUED)

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	
UNDETERMINED	1
FREEZING - TRAPPED IN SNOW	1
INGESTION OF GLASS - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	
UNDETERMINED	1
INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION - SWALLOWED BONE	1
LACERATED NECK - FELL ON BROKEN BOTTLE	1
MAGNESIUM SULFATE - IMPROPER USE	11
MALPRACTICE - MISMATCHED BLOOD	2
RUPTURE OF STOMACH - UNKNOWN	1
SEVERED ARTERY-- REMOVAL OF HYPODERMIC	1
THROAT INJURY - SWALLOWED BONE	1
TOTAL	53
	53

POISONING

ACUTE ALCOHOLISM	16
ALCOHOL AND BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
AMOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
ARSENIC - CHILD ATE ANT PASTE	1
BARBITURATES AND ETHANOL - OVERDOSE	2
BARBITURATES AND PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	21
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	38
BOTULISM - HOME CANNED FOOD	1
CARBON MONOXIDE = AUTO AFIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE *ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE = BED AFIRE	3
CARBON MONOXIDE = BURNING GAS STOVE	3
CARBON MONOXIDE = BOX CAR AFIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - DEFECTIVE REFRIGERATOR	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - FURNITURE AFIRE	4
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	12
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	25

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)POISONING (CONTINUED)

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER FLUID	1
CARBON TETRACHLORIED - UNKNOWN	2
CHLORAL HYDRATE -- OVERDOSE	1
CLEANING--FLUID - DRANK IN ERROR	1
CYANIDE = UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
DEMEROL - OVERDOSE	1
FORMALDEHYDE - DRANK IN ERROR	1
HEROIN - OVERDOSE	1
HYDROCARBON EXPOSURE - INSECT CONTROL	1
INSULIN - OVERDOSE	1
METHAPYRILENE - CHILD ATE TABCIN PILLS	1
MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	1
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	3
PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	4
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2
PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	5
SALICYLATE - CHILD ATE ASPIRIN	2
SALICYLATE - OVERDOSE OF ASPIRIN	1
SECOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	6
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3
SECONAL - OVERDOSE	3
SECONAL - UNKNOWN	1
SODIUM BROMIDE = OVERDOSE	1
SODIUM NITRATE - GIVEN WRONG MEDICINE	1
SODIUM PENTOTHAL - DURING SURGERY FOR REMOVAL OF BONE	1
UNKNOWN - OVERDOSE	1
TOTAL	186
	186

STRANGULATION

ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	3
BY CLOTHING IN CRIB	1
CAUGHT NECK IN BLEACHER STAND	1
CAUGHT ON BED POST	1
CHILD ENTANGLED IN CORD	2
CHILD HUNG SELF WHILE PLAYING	3
CHILD WEDGED BETWEEN CRIB AND WALL	1
CHOKED ON FOOD	1
HANGING IN SLEEPING HARNESS	1
SWALLOWED CHALK	1
TOTAL	15
	15

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIESCAUSES (CONTINUED)SUFFOCATION

ASPIRATION OF ASPIRIN	1
ASPIRATION OF FOOD PARTICLES	2
ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	8
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED MILK	1
ASPIRATION OF VOMITUS	1
CAR FELL OFF JACK	1
CHILD FELL BETWEEN BED AND WALL	1
CHOKED ON FOOD	10
HEAD CAUGHT IN BED SLATS	1
PLAYING IN CAVE	1
SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES	4
SWALLOWED BALLOON	2
TRAPPED IN REFRIGERATOR	2
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED NATURAL OR ACCIDENT	2
TOTAL	37

37

UNKNOWN

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION	2
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	5
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC TOXICOLOGICAL AND DECOMPOSITION OF BODY	1
UNDETERMINED DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION	11
UNKNOWN - BAG OF BONES	1
TOTAL	20

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SUICIDES

JULY	1954	59	
AUGUST	1954	46	
SEPTEMBER	1954	58	
OCTOBER	1954	60	
NOVEMBER	1954	59	
DECEMBER	1954	63	
JANUARY	1955	65	
FEBRUARY	1955	53	
MARCH	1955	80	
APRIL	1955	65	
MAY	1955	76	
JUNE	1955	57	
	TOTAL	741	741
	* * * * *		
MALE		518	
FEMALE		223	
	TOTAL	741	741
	* * * * *		
In the City of Los Angeles		409	
In the County of Los Angeles			
O/S Los Angeles City		331	
Outside Los Angeles County		1	
	TOTAL	741	741
	* * * * *		
10 to 20 years		6	
20 to 45 years		222	
45 to 65 years		336	
65 YEARS AND OVER		176	
UNKNOWN		1	
	TOTAL	741	741

SUICIDESNATURE

BURNING	4	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO EXHAUST	87	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BURNING ILLUM. GAS	2	
CUTTING	17	
DROWNING	8	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
ILLUMINATING GAS	17	
LYING ON RAILROAD TRACKS	2	
SHOOTING	235	
STRANGULATION	114	
SUFFOCATION	2	
TOTAL	491	491

JUMPING

FROM BRIDGE	13	
FROM BUILDING	25	
FROM CLIFF	2	
FROM TOP OF CELL	1	
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	1	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1	
TOTAL	43	43

POISONING

AKROBARBITAL	1	
AMOBARBITAL	2	
ARSENIC	19	
BARBITURATES	103	
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	1	
CAUSTIC SODA	1	
CHLORAL HYDRATE	1	
CODEINE & ASPIRIN	1	
CORROSIVE TOXIC SUBSTANCE	1	
CYANIDE	12	
HYDROFLUORIC ACID	1	
LYSOL	1	
METHYL BROMIDE	1	
NEMBUTAL	6	
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	5	
PENTOBARBITAL	23	
PERCODAN	2	
PHENOBARBITAL	3	
SALICYLATE	2	
SECOBARBITAL	12	
SECONAL	2	
STRYCHNINE	4	
TUINAL	2	
WHITE PHOSPHORUS	1	
TOTAL	207	207

SUICIDESCAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	12	
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE	1	
ALCOHOLIC	2	
DESPONDENCY	205	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF SON	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	33	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	5	
FEAR OF BLINDNESS	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	12	
ILL HEALTH	272	
LOVE AFFAIR	2	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	18	
MENTAL ILLNESS	35	
UNKNOWN	143	
UNWED MOTHER	1	
TOTAL	741	741

<u>HOMICIDES</u>			
JULY	1954	16	
AUGUST	1954	8	
SEPTEMBER	1954	22	
OCTOBER	1954	12	
NOVEMBER	1954	10	
DECEMBER	1954	21	
JANUARY	1955	14	
FEBRUARY	1955	14	
MARCH	1955	13	
APRIL	1955	12	
MAY	1955	10	
JUNE	1955	11	
	TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
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MALE		103	
FEMALE		60	
	TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
* * * * *			
In the City of LOS ANGELES		108	
In the County of LOS ANGELES			
O/S Los Angeles City		54	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY		1	
	TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
* * * * *			
LESS THAN ONE YEAR		3	
1 to 2 years		2	
2 to 5 years		2	
5 to 10 years		3	
10 to 20 years		14	
20 to 45 years		103	
45 to 65 years		32	
65 years and over		4	
	TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>

HOMICIDESNATURE

BEATEN		5
CUTTING		3
FIGHTING		2
POISONING		2
RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL		1
SHOOTING		80
STABBING		43
STRANGULATION		7
STRUCK WITH FIST		2
STRUCK WITH OBJECT		16
SUFFOCATION		1
THROWN OR PUSHED FROM AUTO		1
TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
EXCUSABLE		3
JUSTIFIABLE		28
UNJUSTIFIABLE		132
TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
BY A KNOWN PERSON		96
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON		17
BY FATHER		6
BY HUSBAND		20
BY MOTHER		4
BY OFFICER		16
BY SON		2
BY WIFE		2
TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
FOUND DEAD AT SCENE		91
DIED UNDER OBSERVATION		72
TOTAL	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
HOMICIDE ABATED BY SUICIDE		28

HOMICIDESCAUSESJUSTIFIABLE:

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	3	
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	1	
DURING ALTERCATION	5	
DURING BURGLARY	2	
DURING HOLDUP	1	
DURING ROBBERY	3	
EVADING ARREST	2	
RESISTING ARREST	4	
SELF DEFENSE	7	
TOTAL	28	28

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

AFTER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1	
DESPONDENCY OF FATHER	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	12	
DURING ALTERCATION	56	
DURING ROBBERY	6	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	1	
GANG FIGHT	2	
ILL HEALTH OF VICTIM	1	
JEALOUSY	2	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	6	
MENTAL CONDITION	5	
MISTAKEN IDENTITY	1	
QUARREL	9	
RAPE	1	
REVENGE	4	
TO STOP BABY FROM CRYING	1	
UNKNOWN	22	
UNWANTED BABY	1	
TOTAL	132	132

EXCUSABLE:

DURING ALTERCATION	2	
RESULT OF QUARREL	1	
TOTAL	3	3

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL - By Known Person	1	
CRIMINAL - By unknown person	4	
CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED Undetermined	1	
SELF INDUCED	7	
SPONTANEOUS	1	
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>
	* * * * *	
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	11	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	3	
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	14	
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>
	* * * * *	
MARRIED	9	
SINGLE	4	
WIDOWED	1	
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>
	* * * * *	
10 to 20 YEARS	2	
20 to 45 YEARS	12	
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>
	* * * * *	
FOUND DEAD AT SCENE	4	
DIED UNDER OBSERVATION	10	
	TOTAL	<u>14</u>

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1954	0	
AUGUST	1954	1	
SEPTEMBER	1954	0	
OCTOBER	1954	0	
NOVEMBER	1954	0	
DECEMBER	1954	1	
JANUARY	1955	0	
FEBRUARY	1955	3	
MARCH	1955	2	
APRIL	1955	3	
MAY	1955	1	
JUNE	1955	0	
	TOTAL	11	II
* * * * * *			
In the City of LOS ANGELES		1	
In the COUNTY of LOS ANGELES			
O/S Los Angeles City		10	II
	TOTAL	11	II
* * * * * *			
Co-Pilot		1	
Passenger		4	
Pilot		5	
Student or Pilot undetermined		1	
	TOTAL	11	II
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Accidental		9	
Industrial		2	
	TOTAL	11	II

AIRPLANE FATALITIES(CONTINUED)AGES

10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	9	
45 to 65 years	1	
TOTAL	11	11

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TYPE OF PLANE

COMMERCIAL	2	
PLEASURE	9	
TOTAL	11	11

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CAUSES

DURING TAKE OFF	2	
LOST CONTROL	1	
UNKNOWN	8	
TOTAL	11	11

INQUESTS

	CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L. A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM	TOTALS
JULY 1954	17	8	25
AUGUST 1954	8	4	12
SEPTEMBER 1954	12	9	21
OCTOBER 1954	20	4	24
NOVEMBER 1954	15	8	23
DECEMBER 1954	9	27	36
JANUARY 1955	15	5	20
FEBRUARY 1955	11	16	27
MARCH 1955	20	3	23
APRIL 1955	14	8	22
MAY 1955	25	27	52
JUNE 1955	11	9	20
TOTAL	<u>177</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>305</u>

AUTOPSIES

	CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A. CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY 1954	127	179	15	321
AUGUST 1954	105	133	10	248
SEPTEMBER 1954	112	122	9	243
OCTOBER 1954	132	160	15	307
NOVEMBER 1954	126	149	10	285
DECEMBER 1954	144	185	12	341
JANUARY 1955	123	181	11	315
FEBRUARY 1955	144	174	6	324
MARCH 1955	124	188	14	326
APRIL 1955	135	215	16	366
MAY 1955	159	273	5	437
JUNE 1955	158	215	11	384
TOTAL	<u>1589</u>	<u>2174</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>3897</u>

INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES

TOTAL 4737  
8634

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	159
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	128
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	34
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	20
BODY EMBALMED-REFERRED TO COUNTY COUNSEL FOR COLLECTION	1
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED FOR WHICH NO EMBALMING FEES WERE COLLECTED AT CORONER'S OFFICE	342
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2754
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3096
BODIES EMBALMED BY MORTICIANS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	350
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES PROCESSED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	5188
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES PROCESSED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1954 to JUNE 30, 1955	8634

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	8040
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	72822
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	21565
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	175
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	11
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	305
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	305
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1101
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	6030
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3897
VERDICTS OF JURIES	305
JURORS SUMMOND TO SERVE AT CORONER'S INQUESTS	2689
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	1996
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	157
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	469
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	504

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954	8539
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955	8634
INCREASE	95

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS

2832

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

	<u>Chemicals Tested</u>	<u>Tests</u>
ACETONE	1	1
ACETOPHENETIDIN	2	3
ACIDITY	1	1
ALCOHOL	2736	6490
ALKALOIDS	2	60
AMPHETAMINE	1	2
ANTIMONY	1	1
ANTROPINE	1	20
ARSENIC	30	47
BARBITURATE	295	1329
BORIC ACID	1	10
BROMIDE	2	2
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	5	5
CARBROMAL	1	2
CARBOXYHEMOGLOBIN	3	3
CHLORAL	5	17
CHLORIDE	1	2
CHLORPROMAZINE	1	10
CODEINE	2	30
CREATININE	5	5
CYANIDE	20	32
DIGITALIS	1	1
FLUORINE	4	4
ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	2	2
LEAD	8	10
LYSOL	3	6
MAGNESIUM	1	2
MEPERIDINE	3	180
MERCURY	11	17
METALS, (SPECTROGRAPH)	8	X
METHAPYRILENE	2	30
METHYL ACOHOL	2	2
MORPHINE (AND HEROIN)	16	640
NARCOTICS	11	870
NICOTINE	9	33
NITRITE	1	100
NOVOCAIN	1	10
PARALDEHYDE	8	14
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	2	3

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY  
(CONTINUED)

	CHEMICALS TESTED	TESTS
PHOSPHORUS	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
POISONS	10	551
PONTOCAINE	1	10
RESPERINE	1	10
SALICYLATE	14	31
SILICA	16	30
STRYCHNINE	5	77
SUGAR	4	4
TRICLORETHYLENE	2	2
ZINC	1	2
TOTALS	<u>3265</u>	<u>10717</u>

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1260
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	3193
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	149
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	210
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	28
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	133
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	686
NUMBER OF PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1582

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive test is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO - COLLISION and NON COLLISION	156	253
	35.6%	64.4%
AUTO - PEDESTRIAN	44	128
	25.5%	74.5%
HOMICIDES	88	92
	48.8%	51.2%
SUICIDES	203	459
	30.6%	69.4%

EXPENDITURESFISCAL YEAR 1954-55

SALARIES AND WAGES	\$304,012.15
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	36,269.59
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1587.70
	<u>\$341869.44</u>
*****	TOTAL

REVENUES COLLECTEDFISCAL YEAR 1954-55

## SALARY FUND:

EMBALMING FEES	\$70,200.00
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	<u>3,498.65</u>
TOTAL	\$73,698.65
	\$73,698.65

## GENERAL FUND:

WITNESS FEES	\$148.00
REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION	<u>\$720.88</u>
TOTAL	\$868.88
	\$868.88
	<u>\$74,567.53</u>